



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

December 23, 2005

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **23-Dec-05** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	79.00	81.50	72.50	83.50	79.31
Last week	71.00	74.50	64.50	76.50	71.83

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 23-Dec-05:

New York 92-96 **Midwest** 75-83 **California** 116

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 19-Dec-05 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	102.4	258.1	121.2	184.8	220.6	887.1	179.7	1066.8
% change PW	-18	-17	-24	-17	-1	-15	-22	-16

Breaking Stock 23-Dec-05 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	34-37	35-39 M 36-38
Checks & Undergrades	21-25 M 21-23	21-28 M 22-25

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **17-Dec-05**. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,239,764	31,901	10,257	5,389	2,345	4,257
Previous Week	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178
Last Year	1,243,491	29,563	12,245	6,752	2,554	4,502
% Change PWK	-1%	3%	-5%	-13%	1%	2%
% Change LY	0%	8%	-16%	-20%	-8%	-5%
To-Date 2005	65,423,722	1,561,420	626,856	336,081	143,085	221,091
To-Date 2004	62,065,004	1,478,118	596,186	322,570	132,429	213,707
% Change YTD	5%	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.78 **Previous Week:** 41.75 **Last Year:** 42.67

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.35 **Previous Week:** 38.41 **Last Year:** 39.05

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	512,157	41.3%	15,696	49.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	535,123	42.8%	15,353	49.5%
LAST YEAR	493,388	39.7%	13,539	45.8%

National Liquid Eggs - 23-Dec-05 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	15	26-28.75	26.95	-.99
WHITES	11	27-27.5	27.18	.14
YOLKS	7	45-58.75	51.54	-6.29

Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 44 to 52 cents fob and pasteurized whites at 33 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 23-Dec-05 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern			Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	44-52	M 48-49	47-50	M 48-49	54-58	53-57
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				64-81	-
Whites	31-42	M 36-40	37-42	M 39-42	42-55	42-45
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	62-73	M 66-69	64-71	M 66-69	72-83	70-73
Salted	60-65		60-65	M 61-63	68-82	67-70

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids0

National Dried Egg Prices - 23-Dec-05 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.41-1.80	1.52-1.60
YOLKS	1.42-1.70	1.50-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.27-2.59	2.35-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.30-1.50	1.40-1.50

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 17-Dec-2005

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,404	This week	142	This week	1,546
Last week	1,270	Last week	109	Last week	1,379
Last year	1,499	Last year	292	Last year	1,791
To Date 2005	71,036	To Date 2005	12,566	To Date 2005	83,602
To Date 2004	68,411	To Date 2004	12,465	To Date 2004	80,876

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Dec-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	309	0	0	309
Last year /1	388	0	40	428
To date 2005/2	16,639	130	848	17,617
To date 2005	19,773	11	856	20,640

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Dec-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	81	0	0	81
Last year /1	86	5	0	91
To date 2005/2	6,346	814	371	7,531
To date 2005	7,548	1,559	2,113	11,220

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Dec-05

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,190	5,360	1,252	3,750	0	11,552
Last year /1	0	15,266	22,073	4,220	4,776	0	46,335
To date 2005/2	200	181,811	298,976	99,377	228,928	9,753	819,045
To date 2005	392	223,391	455,248	138,304	330,035	16,790	1,164,160

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Dec-05

Total All Layers on 01-Dec-05 totaled 348 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Dec-05 averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Dec-05 = 290.6 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Dec-05 averaged 74.7 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Dec-04.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Nov-05 totaled 32.8 million, down 15% from Nov-04.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 34.7 million on 01-Dec-05, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 181,000 during Nov-05, down 20% from Nov-04.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Sharyn Lavendar at (202)720-3244, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Nov-05 **Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)**

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,851	1,274	10,335	3,133	17,593
Previous Month	2,940	1,130	10,193	3,356	17,619
Last year	2,955	1,072	10,174	3,123	17,324
% of Previous Month	97	113	101	93	100
% of Last Year	96	119	102	100	102

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; PURCHASES NEARING END DATE: December 20, 2005

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,056,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 26,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$430,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 13	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	480,000	0.4669-0.5494	2 of 2
bulk tankers	576,000	0.3098	1 of 6

It is also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is nearing completion. Next offers under Announcement PY-297 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
14	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Jan. 3 *Tuesday*	Jan. 6	Feb. 16-28, 2006

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 31 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	5,042,000	\$2,331,000
bulk tankers	9,024,000	\$2,972,000
30-pound containers	238,000	\$ 118,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-297, Invitation 13, to be delivered from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, 2006, follow:

5-pound Cartons

Deb-El Foods Corp. 40,020 @ \$0.4669
Sonstegard Foods Company 440,220 @ \$0.4745-0.5494

Bulk Tankers

Daybreak Foods Inc. 576,000 @ \$0.3098

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch; STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.